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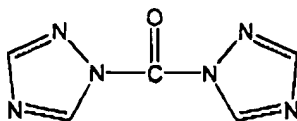
Please amend the Specification as follows:

Delete the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 24 and ending on page 3, line 27 and insert the following paragraph:

037 These features, aspects and advantages of the present invention will become better understood with regard to the following description, appended claims and accompanying drawing which shows the steps of the method of the present invention using 1,2,4-carbonyl di-triazole as the activating compound.

Delete the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 14 and ending on page 7, line 17 and insert the following paragraph:

032 A preferred activating compound is 1,2,4-carbonyl di-triazole, which has the formula:



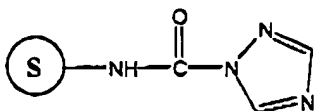
Delete the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 24 and ending on page 8, line 5 and insert the following paragraph:

033 The chemical reaction that occurs in the first step is a nucleophilic substitution reaction between the activating compound and the available amino group on the solid support. A first leaving group, L₁ of the activating compound, becomes displaced by the available amino group on the solid support to form an activated support. When 1,2,4-carbonyl di-triazole is the activating compound, the activated support has the following structure:

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